

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Mr. James R. Rodeheaver, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Room 0709 South Building, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 720-4693 telephone; (202) 690-1087 Fax.

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 23, 1997.

**Robert C. Keeney,**

*Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-057-1]

#### General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Renewal

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Andrew Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, Suite A102, 1500 Klondike Road, Conyers, Georgia 30207-5115, (404) 922-3496.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (Committee) is to maintain and ensure industry involvement in Federal administration of matters pertaining to poultry health.

The Committee Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members. There are seven members on the Committee with 4-year staggered terms. This Committee differs somewhat from other advisory committees in the selection process and composition of its membership. The poultry industry elects the members of the Committee. The members represent six geographic areas with one member-at-large. The membership is not subject to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's review, and a formal request for nominations for membership is not published in the **Federal Register**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of September 1997.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension for an information collection currently approved in support of the Cotton Loan Program Regulations issued under authority of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 28, 1997 to be assured consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** George A. Stickels, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA), Price Support Division, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-7935; e-mail gstickel@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 690-3307.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Cotton Loan Program, 7 CFR part 1427.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0074.

*Expiration Date:* January 31, 1998.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0560-0074, as identified above, is needed to enable the FSA to effectively administer the regulation relating to all aspects of the cotton loan program.

USDA Service Centers, independent Cotton Clerks, Cooperative Marketing Associations and Loan Servicing Agents use various manual and automated forms to collect information from cotton producers for purposes of administering the cotton loan program. The public reporting burden for cotton loan program participants is shown in the following estimates:

*Respondents:* Cotton producers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200,000.

*Estimated Average Time to Respond:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 513,255.

*Estimated Number of Reports Filed per Person:* 2.56.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 128,318 hours.

Topics for comments include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to George A. Stickels, Program Specialist, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Price Support Division, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-7935; e-mail gstickel@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; e-mail copies of the information collection may be obtained from George A. Stickels at